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EDUCATION SETS AMERICANS APART, KEFAUVER DECLARES



POLITICAL CHAT . . . Senator Ester Kefauver (center) chats with Councilman Robert H. Jahn following his appearance here Wednesday night. On the left is Kefauver's advisor, J. Howard McGrath, former chairman of the Democratic National Committee and U.S. attorney general in the Truman administration. "We did it in '48, and we can do it again," McGrath said.

Torrance Cabbie Receives National Driving Honors

Taxipilot Leonard Paul Worthington, 61, of 2141 W. 238th St., has been selected as one of the nation's outstanding taxicab drivers by the Plymouth and Fargo division of the Chrysler Corp.

Worthington will be awarded an all-expense trip to Detroit to receive a scroll and \$250, on June 10, to be followed by a sightseeing jaunt to Washington, D.C., all under the auspices of the Chrysler Corp. His wife will accompany him with his employers, the Yellow Cab Co., footing the bill.

A resident here for the past 18 years, Worthington first started driving cabs in 1915. Just three years after he first paid a visit to Torrance. Worthington has driven for the past 17 years without a liable accident, to be the leading taxi driver of the 2500 in the Los Angeles area, as well as the top driver in the Yellow Cab fleet.

Driving records from all over the country were screened by a five-man committee in Detroit, including John O. Moore, director of the automotive crash injury research institute of Cornell University's Medical College, and George Koether, auto editor of Look Magazine.

Asked to mention a few highlights of his driving career, Worthington described his first vehicle, a 1910 model with coal oil tail lights as standard equipment. Contrasting that he said that he will fly from Detroit to Washington by the latest turbo-prop airliner.

The Worthington's will travel from Torrance to Detroit by train, and will return driving a 1956 Plymouth for President George E. Wooster of the Yellow Cab Co.

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Senator Says Aid Necessary

By REID BUNDY
Herald Managing Editor

"The one thing which sets Americans off from the rest of the world is our determination to give all of our children a good education," Senator Estes Kefauver told an enthusiastic audience at the Civic Auditorium here Wednesday night.

"As long as we have adequate public schools, we will have democracy," he said. "And as long as we are able to teach technical subjects and science to our youth, we shall be able to develop our natural resources."

Senator Kefauver, here during a whirlwind tour of the Southland seeking support for his candidacy on the Democratic ticket in the June primaries, said the government has not faced up to the problems of education—that the pay for teachers was still low and that facilities are inadequate.

Aid Important
"I still believe federal aid to education is highly important to our country today," he said. He added that the Republican administration is doing nothing about it.

The Tennessee senator said local people should do everything possible to give our young people the best possible chance, but that education is a federal problem and the government must face up to it.

Party Needs Program
On another front, the Senator said the Democrats must face up forthrightly to the fact that the party must have a strong program for the United States. He recommended that the Democrats take a strong stand on:

1. The right of individuals.
2. Educational opportunities.
3. Giving labor a break by killing the inequalities of the Taft-Hartley Law.
4. Overhaul the minimum wage laws.
5. Improving the old age assistance program.
6. Improving social security.
7. And express the confidence that the Democrats can do things for the peoples of the world and the nation.

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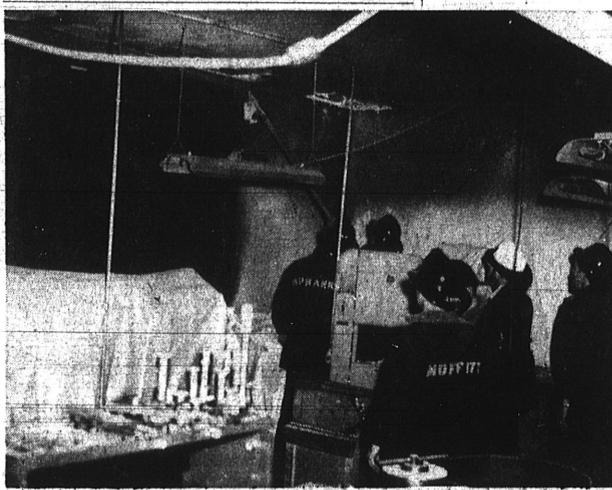
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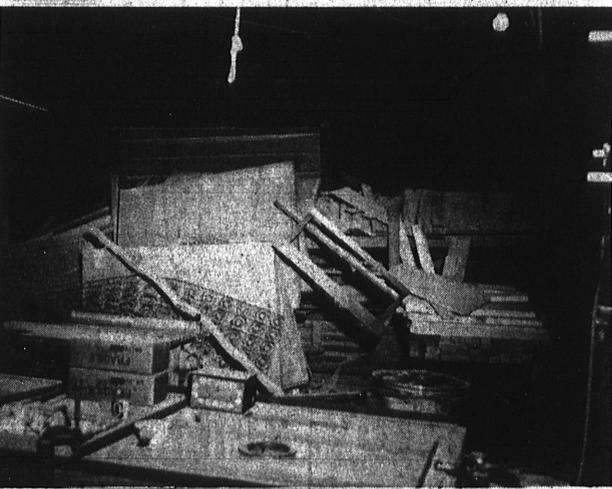
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FIREMEN . . . Survey damage caused by spray of flaming magnesium in Friday's explosion at the Wilson Engineering and Machine Co., 1839 Torrance Blvd. Canvas covered equipment to the left of the fireman was the site of the unexpected blast, which fortunately caused no casualties.



LITTERED DEBRIS . . . Is the product of the explosion which smashed in the frame partition in the background. Discoloration along the paneling was caused by the flaming magnesium particles forced through the wall by the blast.

Two Local Elections Slated This Week

Torrance will be the scene of two elections this week as voters in the Victor Precinct go to the polls tomorrow to vote on annexing the mile-square area to Torrance and then on Friday the city will vote on three members for the Torrance Board of Education.

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None Injured In Explosion

Ignition and explosion of magnesium shavings at the Wilson Engineering and Machine Co. caused a bright flash, loud noise, startled nearby workers, but caused no injuries at 1839 Torrance Blvd. Friday morning.

The fireworks started at about 11 a.m. when shavings collecting on a milling machine operated by Allyn Goodpasture, Redondo Beach, ignited. Goodpasture escaped injury, having stepped outside the shop for a moment to speak to the owner, James Wilson.

Occupants of shops in the building on either side of engineering company were jolted and shocked when the shavings exploded. They quickly evacuated the area.

A frame partition between the machine shop and the Percia Manufacturing Co. was blown out by the blast, narrow-

Two More Fires Set At Lomita's Narbonne High

The series of fires that has been plaguing Narbonne High School in the past few months erupted in full fury again last week when two small fires were reported to deputies at Lennox Sheriff's station.

School authorities said two trash containers were set on fire, one on Wednesday, the other Thursday. Both blazes were controlled by students and school administrators and the fire department was not called on either blaze.

A number of fires, in lockers, trash barrels, and other places, have been set recently at Narbonne. The series of fires, definitely arson, deputies said, was capped April 14 when a firebug lit a blaze that caused about \$25,000 damage to the administration building.

A sheriff's spokesman said Saturday that investigators now believe the April 14 fire was set by a man and not a student as was believed at first.

Investigation still is being carried out concerning the costly April blaze, deputies said.

Arlington Ave., Carson Street Plan Readied

Major obstacles in plans to cut Arlington Ave. through 190th St. to Del Amo Blvd. and Carson St. west from Madrona to Hawthorne Ave. have been overcome, it was announced here Saturday by City Manager George Stevens.

Engineering plans for both major road projects have been completed and tentative agreements reached with property owners in each case, Stevens said. Final check of plans are now being made by Dominguez, Estates officials for the Arlington project and by Del Amo Estates officials for the Carson St. project, he said.

In the Arlington Ave. plans, an agreement has been reached whereby the roadway can be pushed southward from 190th St. without carrying out the \$120,000 drainage program which was believed necessary at first.

Stevens said he hoped to have plans ready for bidding so the project could be started next month. The County has allocated \$60,000 for the roadway.

Steel Firm To Present Film Tuesday

F. C. Todd Jr., manager of the local Bethlehem Steel Co. plant, will present a program around the company's film, "Men, Steel, and Earthquakes," at the Tuesday morning breakfast meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce at the YWCA building beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

President John Ebbinghouse has arranged for the program recognizing Bethlehem as one of the city's newest major industries. Reservations for the breakfast meeting may be made by calling the Chamber of Commerce office today.

Underground Utilities

The North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn. has recommended to the Council that all future home developments be required to place utilities underground.

The matter will be considered by the City Council tomorrow evening at its 8:30 meeting.

Thieves Strip Cars of Night School Students

Thiefs from autos parked at Torrance High School during night class sessions drew special attention from detectives this week after two more residents said their autos were stripped while they were at the school.

Jessie Marion Edwards, of 1630 Arlington Ave., told authorities Thursday night that someone took the rear bumper guard, including the license plate, from his 1947 model car. He said the car was parked on Manuel St. at the time of the theft.

Tom Sossamon, of 1061 W. 210th St., said someone took the gas cap off his car while it was parked in front of the high school on the same night. Police said a number of thefts from cars have been reported by people attending night school. They said the thieves operate between 7 and 9:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

Dr. Spires To Head Up Fiesta Plans

Appointment of Dr. Elton C. Spires as general chairman of the 10th annual Fishermen's Fiesta in San Pedro next September was recently announced by the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce.

Top aides to Spires on the Fiesta steering committee are Mason Case and Charles Carey, who will serve as vice-chairmen.

Burglars Hit Area Twice

Burglars got away with \$320 worth of sinks from a housing contractor here recently, Torrance detectives reported Friday.

Ten sinks, part of a supply that was being used for new houses in a north Torrance tract, were taken at the Grand Construction Co. lot. The lot is located at 3115 179th St.

Forty dressed and frozen turkeys and four and a half crates of eggs were taken from the Star Poultry Ranch Tuesday night. The loot was valued at about \$600, detectives said. The ranch is located at 166th St. and Crenshaw Blvd.



LEONARD PAUL WORTHINGTON
... Wins National Honors for Driving

Blast Rips Mail Box

Some more of those stolen dynamite caps that have been turning up in Lomita may be the cause of an early morning blast Friday that ripped a mail box loose from its post and knocked it 15 feet, sheriff's deputies reported Saturday.

According to authorities, cause of the blast is not known. The mail box was in front of the home of William T. Demente, 42, of 2541 Eshelman Ave. Demente said he was awakened at about 1:15 a.m. by the roar and found the damaged mail box on the ground, 15 feet from its post.

Deputies continued their investigation and said the explosives might have been dynamite caps. About 200 of the caps were stolen recently from a Lomita firm. Only about 35 of the small explosive caps have been found.